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*Augustin von Steuben.*

*September 17, 1730 — November 28, 1794*

The purpose of this Magazine is to provide interesting articles about the Revolutionary War and information regarding the activities of your chapter and/or state color guards

## Commander's Dispatch

It's difficult for me to come to the realization that in a few short months my tenure as the National Society SAR Color Guard Commander will come to an end. It's been a fantastic two years experience and honor to have served as your Commander.

In Greenville, South Carolina the 2014 Congress was a great success for the Color Guard and the National Society. The Color Guard fielded 84 Guardsman in uniform for the Memorial Service.

I hope to see all of you again during our National Congress in Louisville in 2015. Please plan on attending the Color Guard breakfast, the Sunday Memorial Service as well as the Opening Ceremonies on Monday.



NSSAR Color Guard  
Commander  
Michael Radcliff

Thank you all again for everything you do for our Country and the SAR. Lastly, endeavor to make participating in the SAR Color Guard a fun and rewarding experience.

Your humble Servant,  
Michael "Mike" J. Radcliff  
National Color Guard Commander

### THE SAR COLORGUARDSMAN

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## From the Adjutant

Mark C Anthony

While the role of the Commander and Vice Commander of the National Color Guard is understood, the role of the Adjutant(s) is less so. The role of the adjutant in a military organization is to perform the administrative duties to make the unit function efficiently. Additional duties include assisting the commanding officer for awards ceremonies and other ceremonial functions.

Within the NSSAR Color Guard, there can be either one or two adjutants selected by National Commander. Most recently, there have been two adjutants who serve to take attendance at National meetings and take minutes at committee meetings. They have also been tasked with communicating marching orders from either the Commander or Vice Commander, issuing flags and making sure the Color Guard is properly attired (this means no medals or neck ribbons being worn) at National meetings and events.

In the absence of the National Commander and Vice Commander, the command of the Color Guard at National meetings and events devolves to them as the ranking National Color Guard officer present.

At any time, the National Commander, Vice Commander and/or Adjutant can elect to defer to the State Society Color Guard Commander at a National event. If this is done, this decision is communicated to the State Commander and the National Commander, Vice Commander and/or Adjutant will still march at the lead of the unit with the State Commander.

The reason for this review of the adjutants function is that at recent National meetings and events, some Color Guardsmen have taken it upon themselves to supplant the leadership of the National Color Guard. They have described a route of march or placed the color guard in an area that they should not be in. These same guardsmen have even countermanded instructions given previously.

The result of this is that there is a great deal of confusion when the Commander, Vice Commander, or Adjutant begins to relay the actual information needed. It also causes a great deal of stress, especially at National meetings, when time is of the essence to get the color guard in order before they have to enter the room to either present or retire the colors.

While help is always welcome, please be sure that it is not the kind of help that is counterproductive as has been the case recently. The simple rule of thumb is that one of the National Color Guard leaders should always be asked what needs to be done before going and doing something.





## CALIFORNIA



C.S.S.C.A.R. State Conference. DAR California State Regent Carol Oakley Jackson, CASSAR President Jim Faulkinbury and Mrs. Karen Faulkinbury with the CASSAR Color Guard.

Photo: Un Hui Yi Fosdyck

Compatriot Dan Shippey of the Orange County (CA) Chapter portrayed General Washington answering a question from a young CAR member during a Q & A at the CAR Conference.

Photo: Un Hui Yi Fosdyck



On Sunday, February 15, 2015 the CASSAR Color Guard participated in the 33rd Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces at the Hall of Liberty, Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills in Los Angeles. The Massing is the largest celebration of Washington's Birthday in the West. The color guard was comprised of 30 compatriots from eight chapters of the California Society. Members of the Los Angeles Fife & Drum Corps, under the direction of compatriot Matthew Noell, accompanied the CASSAR Color Guard. Also in attendance were about one dozen additional compatriots and members of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary.

Photo: Un Hui Yi Fosdyck

FLORIDA -

On March 7, 2015 the Brevard Chapter hosted the 9th Annual Celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at the Brevard Veterans Center on Merritt Island. It was a crisp and breezy day for the one hundred plus attendees - split evenly between parade participants and spectators.

SAR Chapters in attendance included: Brevard, Caloosa, Daytona-Ormond, Lake-Sumter, St Luci River, Tampa and Withlacoochee. Brevard County DAR Chapters in attendance included: Abigail Wright Chamberlin, Brevard DAR Regents Council, Commodore John Barry, Indian River, and Philip Perry. Other DAR Chapters included: Arthur Irwin (DeLand), Lawrence Kearny Chapter (Cape Coral) and Winding Waters (Hernando County). Also participating in the parade were the Children of the American Revolution, Canaveral Light Chapter #2358 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Camp 1387 Sons of Confederate Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans and the Courageous Division Naval Sea Cadets.

Our guest speaker was Compatriot Bill Elder (Daytona-Ormond) in the persona of General George Washington (Photo left). Several Wreaths were presented followed by the playing of "Taps" by Coast Guard Auxiliaryman Kachenmeister.



## The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard

SAR Color Guardsmen who believe they qualify for the National Von Steuben Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website, and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard commander for review and recommendation, and then to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the National Von Steuben Medal. A Guardsman must employ one of the following systems for earning the National Von Steuben Medal. The first system is based on points; the second system is based on the number of events in which a Guardsman participates. For complete information see the SAR.org web site, Compatriot Tab, SAR Handbook link, then Volume V, page 18.

***Retroactive Effectiveness:*** SAR Color Guardsmen who were active at the time this Medal was approved by the NSSAR Color Guard Committee (July 2011), and who had previously been awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, may count the points earned from attending any qualifying National or District Color Guard event if using the points system, or the actual number of events if using the events system, in which they participated during the two (2) year period prior to the NSSAR Color Guard Committee approval, or from the date they were awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, whichever is more recent, toward earning the National Von Steuben Medal



# National Color Guard - Spring Leadership Conference



**Color Guard Commander Michael Radcliffe, Un Hui Yi, and Treasurer General Mike Tomme.**

Photo: Un Hui Yi Fosdyck



**Color Guard retiring the Colors at the Saturday Banquet.**

Photo: Un Hui Yi Fosdyck

# National Color Guard - Battle of Thomas Creek Historic Marker Dedication



**The Florida Society hosted the dedication of the Historic Marker for the Battle of Thomas Creek (May 17, 1777.**

**Clockwise from right - President General Lindsey Brock addressing the assembly, Historic Marker with the park system's trail map signs, South Atlantic District Vice President General Mark Anthony presenting a wreath, and the 27 colorguardsmen from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina with President General Brock and the representatives of the Florida Park system and the City of Jacksonville.**

**Over 80 were in attendance at this first celebration.**

**Photos: J Gaskins, D Ramseur, & D Cardell**



# National Color Guard prominent at Cowpens

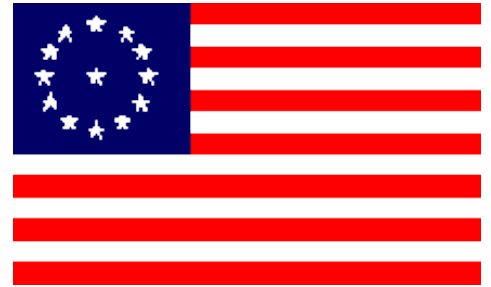
The NSSAR Color Guard took center stage on Saturday, January 17, 2015 in Chesnee, SC as they once again presented the colors at the National Monument to begin the 234th Anniversary celebration of the patriot victory at Cowpens.



SAR Foundation President Sam Powell (left), Former Chaplain General Clark Wiser and President General Lindsey Brock pose prior to the procession of flags.

A new component to the ceremony was a review of the Color Guard by President General Lindsey Brock. This review was well received by those in attendance and gave the public an opportunity to take pictures of the Color Guard prior to the event.

President General Brock, Former Chaplain General Clark Wiser, Former National Commander Mike Tomme and Adjutant Mark Anthony then led the approximately 60 guardsmen. This group was one of the largest in recent years and required 3 ranks to fit everyone onto the plaza between the monument and visitors center.



The guardsmen were positioned to one side of the monument while the opposite side contained nearly 85 wreaths presented by various SAR, DAR, C.A.R, descendants and other heritage organizations.

Following the wreath ceremony, the NSSAR Color Guard led a procession onto the battlefield to the Washington Light Infantry Monument. This procession passed through the living history area where members of nearly a dozen reenactor groups presented arms as the National Colors passed along the nearly quarter mile route.

The Washington Light Infantry Monument is located near the location of General Daniel Morgan's second line of troops. It was the first monument placed on the battlefield having been placed approximately 65 years after the battle.

Prior to the placement of the NSSAR wreath by President General Brock, the NSSAR Color Guard formed an arch around the rear of the monument. After the wreath presentation, the Color Guard posed for pictures.



The NSSAR Color Guard at the National Monument

Following the conclusion of this ceremony, the Color Guard retired to Fatz Café in Gaffney for its traditional Dutch treat lunch and fellowship.



The NSSAR Color Guard stands at attention while Compatriot John Slaughter, National Park Service Superintendent thanks those in attendance for marching out to the Washington Light Infantry Monument.

Photos taken by Greg Greenawalt,  
South Carolina Society Senior VP





# KEEP BLACK POWDER SAFE WHEN TRANSPORTING OR STORING



In a firing detail when possible, one person should handle and keep possession of the blank cartridges before handing the blank cartridges out to the participants. I know most of the Color Guardsmen in Indiana bring their own black powder loads and that is ok as long as it is only one round and you know that the loads are safe and are not overloaded. A good reason for one person handling the loads is that you can usually tell if it is sized up for a bigger bang.

Live loads should be kept in a non-sparking container, wood, leather or any non-sparking material. A special note here: if you are loading your paper cartridges at home, you need to clean up the fine dust left on the surfaces where you are working. Clean the area with a wet cloth or wet paper towel and then dispose of it in a proper waster container.

Now back to the container. I have made a wooden box with a lock on the door (see photo #1). Photo #2 shows the interior of the wooden box with a shelf which holds one can of powder and loading tools. In the bottom there is a wooden block made to accommodate 32 rounds, not that I would ever need that many. Note: do not store your flints in your powder box. Now you are safe to transport your powder.

I will repeat again from a previous newsletter article. Do not put paper down the barrel of your musket. Throw the paper on the ground and then come back and pick it up and dispose of it properly.

Always think safety first. We all get a big bang out of firing our muskets!

**Robert Cunningham, NSSAR Color Guard Safety Officer, [rpcun-nin@indiana.edu](mailto:rpcun-nin@indiana.edu)**



## From the Editor

Welcome to the resumption issue of the SAR Colorguardsman in its electronic format. This first issue will be short on some content due to the short time frame allotted for its April release. While this publication is only online, there is no limit to the number of pages.

It can contain as many submissions as are deemed worthy. Therefore, all state societies are encouraged to submit color guard activity articles/photos for the "From the Field" section.

This Publication will focus on articles of interest to the Color Guard. This includes articles on (1) History, (2) "How To", (3) Events, and (4) Announcements.

Readers are encouraged to review past issues which can be found on [SAR.org](http://SAR.org) - Compatriots - NSSAR Committees - Color

Guard. Those past issues contain information helpful to all colorguardsmen. Some of these articles will be re-printed in future issues.

Some article submissions may be reviewed by the editorial staff before publication. Please send all submissions to the following contact points:

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Pictures should list those in the picture and who took it. Thank you for your help.



## Helpful Hints

### Displaying Streamers

From George Lipphardt, Tucson (AZ) Chapter

If the top of your SAR Flag Pole has the appearance of a bunch of loose-end strings, knotted together, due to the fact that you have been awarded a few Award Streamers, a streamer holder is designed to straighten out / organize all of these to make the flag pole much neater in appearance.

Holders are used by the military, the Scouts and other organizations that award streamers. It's basically a round, metal device that sets on top of your flag pole underneath the ornament. It has a round opening in the center to allow it to fit over the flag pole and openings around the outside edge to attach the Streamers in a nice, neat fashion.

Here are a few examples:

<http://www.paradestore.com/detail.aspx?ID=502>

<http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/gifts-gift-cards/flags/accessories/streamer-holder.html>

<http://www.flagsandemblems.com/aipr.html>



The more Streamers that need to be attached, the higher the price tag. A way to mitigate the cost is to attach multiple Streamers on each chain/attachment device. This allows for the purchase of holders with fewer slots which is cheaper. Since different Steamer Holders have different diameter mounting, center holes and different ways to attach them to poles, or if a specific-type pole is required, look for the "universal"-type mount that can fit different pole types.



Another issue is when there are streamers without a cord or chain to attach it to the holder. The Fair Publishing House, in Norwalk, OH (800-824-3247), where many societies purchase streamers, has gold cords that can be used for this. Ask for the 28", Gold Cord & Tassel which retails for \$0.50 each plus shipping cost. Please be advised that these are not offered on their website.



## Molly Pitcher Medal

Many women who are the wives, daughters, sisters, girlfriends, and other female relatives and companions of SAR Color Guardsmen routinely and with great dedication support their Guardsman and the SAR Color Guard. The Molly Pitcher Medal may be awarded to women who have supported the SAR Color Guard at the State, District and National Levels. The Medal is silver in color, and depicts a likeness of Molly Pitcher. It is available only in miniature. Its precedence is higher than NSSAR Specialty Medals, but lower than the Charter Centennial Medal. The Molly Pitcher Medal may be awarded only once; oak leaf clusters are not permitted.

### Earning the Molly Pitcher Medal

A woman must be present at, and support, the SAR Color Guard at qualifying SAR Color Guard events. The same events that count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal shall also count toward earning the Molly Pitcher Medal. In addition, participation in, and support of, State events, such as a State Society Annual Meeting or a State Society Board of Managers/Governors Meeting, shall also count toward earning the Medal.

A woman may be said to 'support' the SAR Color Guard by participating in SAR Color Guard events wearing Revolutionary-era attire, or by bringing refreshments for participating SAR Color Guardsmen, or by providing some other tangible support for her SAR Color Guardsman. However, merely attending an SAR Color Guard event shall not be deemed as 'support' for the purposes of earning the Molly Pitcher Medal.



Before a woman may be awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal, her husband or other male companion must have been awarded the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal. Women who believe they qualify for the Molly Pitcher Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications.

This form is available on the SAR website, and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and then to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the Molly Pitcher Medal.



# State Society Color Guard Commanders

Confirmed state society color guard commanders are listed in the BOLD TEXT. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to submit updated data to the editor. State Societies with no Color Guard: Alaska, Dakotas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, Rhode Island, and Wyoming. It is with great pleasure that the NSSAR Color Guard announces that the Delaware Society has formed a Color Guard unit. Welcome to the NSSAR Color Guard.

Please note that any questions concerning potential color guard events or participation in events should be directed to the respective commander in the state where the event is taking place.

Each commander is emailed each new issue of The SAR Colorguardsman for distribution to the guardsmen within each state society. Any questions about the distribution of the new issue should be directed to the respective state commander.

<i>State</i>	<i>Color Guard Commander</i>	<i>Primary Phone</i>	<i>Cell Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>	<i>City</i>
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California	James C Fosdyck	714-530-0767	714-932-4097	jfosdyck (at) sbcglobal.net	Garden Grove
Colorado	Steven DeBoer	303-972-9310	303-475-6757	steved (at) i-pro-online.com	Littleton
Connecticut	Todd Gerlander	860-872-0438		todd.gerlander (at) yahoo.com	Tolland
Florida	Randy Moody	239-694-4922		sarrevdoc (at) comcast.net	Alva, FL
Georgia	Dr Ed Rigel Sr	770-534-7043	678-617-4331	compatriotrigel (at) charter.net	Gainesville, GA
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Indiana	Robert Cunningham	812-336-7131	812-272-5373	rpcunnin (at) indiana.edu	Bloomington
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Maryland	David H. Embrey	301-776-0235		dembrey (at) comcast.net	Savage, MD
Michigan	Gerald Burkland	989-871-9569		bftb (at) tds.net	Millington
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This is the current listing of state society color guard commanders with confirmed data. Those state societies that are not confirmed are asked to submit updated data to the editor. **No Color Guards:** Alaska, Arkansas, Dakotas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Wyoming.

## National Color Guard Events

Date	Event	Location
January 16, 2016	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
February 13, 2016	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 20, 2016	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
February 20, 2016	California Massing of Colors	Burbank, CA
February 20, 2016	Washington Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX
February , 2016	Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge	Currie, NC
February 26-27, 2016	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 12, 2016	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Merritt Island, FL
March 19, 2016	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
April 11, 2015	Halifax Resolves	Halifax, NC
April 19, 2015	Patriot's Day	Concord, MA
April 30, 2015	Kentucky Derby Pegasus Parade	Louisville, KY
May 9, 2015	Raid on Martin's Station	Ewing, VA
May 9, 2015	Battle of Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
May, 2015	Fields of Honor / Healing Field	Various
May 23-24, 2015	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN
May 25, 2015	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington DC
May 30, 2015	Battle of Fort San Carlos	St Louis, MO
June 20, 2015	Battle of Ramseur's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 20 , 2015	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA
June 26-July 1, 2015	NSSAR National Congress	Louisville, KY
July 22, 2015	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
September 5, 2015	Battle of Groton Heights	Groton, CT
September 19, 2015	Vigil at George Washington's Tomb	Mt Vernon, VA
September 19, 2015	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NY
September 19, 2015	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
September 24-26, 2015	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 2-4, 2015	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
October 7, 2015	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC
October 19, 2015	Yorktown Days	Yorktown, VA
Dec 5-6, 2015	Battle of Great Bridge	Norfolk, VA
December 12, 2015	Wreaths Across America	Various

**N.B.:** Dates and times are subject to change and interested parties should refer to the respective state society websites closer to the actual event.

Send event updates to [swilliams16\(at\)cfl.rr.com](mailto:swilliams16(at)cfl.rr.com).

## Colorguardsman of the Year

The Gold Color Guard Medal was authorized in 1998 . It may only be worn by the National Color Guard Commander (usually presented at the end of his term as commander) and those guardsmen selected as Color Guardsman of the Year.

The Color Guardsman of the Year is elected by the Guardsmen present at the Spring Leadership Meeting.

The following is a listing of those guardsmen who have been honored by their compatriots as Color Guardsman of the Year.

Lowell Nichols (IN)	1998
Edgar E Grover (KS)	1999
Robert L Grover (MO)	2000
Bernard G Lamp Sr (WV)	2001
Raymond Zimmerman (MD)	2002
Charles Lampman (CA))	2003
James McCafferty (MD)	2004
Lester A Foster (MD)	2005
Andrew M Johnson (VA)	2006
George Thurmond (GA)	2007
Charles F Bragg (IN)	2008
Charlie A Newcomer (GA)	2009
John H Franklin Jr (OH)	2010
Paul Prescott (GA)	2011
Tom Green (TX)	2012
Gerald McCoy (MO)	2013
Samuel Powell (NC)	2014
Robert Cunningham (IN)	2015

## NSSAR Color Guard Commanders

Donald N Moran (CA)	1989-1990
David J Gray (MA)	1990-2000
Garrett Jackson (CA)	2000-2002
Edgar Grover (KS)	2002-2004
Peter K Goebel (NY)	2004-2006
Charles Lampman (CA)	2006-2007
Larry Perkins (OH)	2007-2009
Joseph Dooley (VA)	2009-2011
J Michael Tomme (GA)	2011-2013
Michael Radcliff (TX)	2013-present